

In the Specification:

At page 1, after the title, add the following paragraph:

a2 This application is a continuation of application U.S. Serial No. 09/470,311, filed on December 22, 1999, allowed, which is a continuation application of U.S. Serial No. 09/996,991, filed on December 12, 1997, now U.S. Pat. 6,083,233, which had been filed as a continuation of International Application PCT/EP96/02412, with an international filing date of June 4, 1996.

At page 1, after the title, insert the caption

Background of the Invention

a3 At page 2, before line 5, insert the caption

Summary of the Invention

a4 At page 2, replace paragraph beginning at line 11 with the following:

a5 According to the present invention, this object is achieved in an epilation appliance and in a method wherein by reason of the fact that at least one element that is movable toward and away from the skin has one free end, a mechanical pulse can be generated to advantage, producing a stimulation on the skin which overshadows the actual pain during epilation. Furthermore, by arranging the at least one element, but in particular several elements, adjacent to the side of the rotary clamping device, the stimulation on the skin occurs advantageously before or during the epilating operation.

At page 11, before line 15, change "In the drawings," to the caption

a6 Brief Description of the Figures

At page 12, before line 30, insert the caption

a7 Detailed Description of Preferred Embodiments

At page 12, change the paragraph beginning at line 30 to:

a8 The features described in the following with reference to FIGS. 1 to 14 are suitable for use with an epilating appliance as disclosed in European Offenlegungsschrift (Published Application)